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Date: October 31, 2003**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OF
AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

This is a request for filing a **continuation** under 37 CFR 1.53(b), 35 USC 365(c) and 35 USC 120 of pending prior **International Application No. PCT/JP02/04327**, filed on April 30, 2002, entitled: **ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD USING SAME**, which designates the United States.

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The following is enclosed or is applicable:

Specification - 36 pages, Claims - 4 pages, Abstract - 1 page.

Drawings - 11 sheets of drawings.

Declaration and Power of Attorney.
NOT attached; deferred under P.L. 97-247

An assignment of the invention to: **(1) NIKON CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan; and
(2) EBARA CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan**

Please publish the assignee data with the application.

Preliminary Amendment

Priority under 35 USC 120 claimed based on International Application No. PCT/JP02/04327, filed on April 30, 2002.

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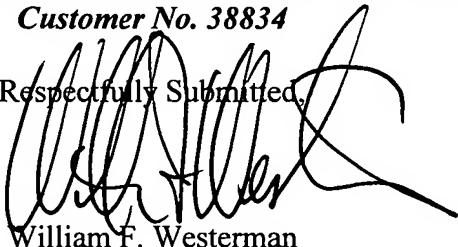
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Enclosures: Spec.; Clms.; Abstr.; Decl.; Assign.; Pre-Amend.; Draws. (11 sheets);

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